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Update on Avian Influenza in Canada

The outbreak of high-path avian influenza in Fraser Valley, British Columbia led to a temporary ban on shipment of poultry products outside the control area. Local cold storage facilities and slaughterhouse freezers filled rapidly and quickly resulted in a shortage of freezer space as hundreds of tons of poultry were unable to be shipped outside the Valley.

Canada: Stocks of Frozen and Chilled Meats in Cold Storage (MT)

	% Change Previous				
	1-Mar-03	1-Feb-04	1-Mar-04	Month	Year
Chicken and fowl	28,103	23,664	24,575	4	-13
Turkey	19,523	18,907	19,670	4	1
Other poultry	4,422	3,734	3,691	-1	-17
Total Poultry	52,048	46,304	47,936	4	-8
Total Red Meat	84,953	89,941	88,843	-1	5

Source: Statistics Canada, Agriculture Division

As the outbreak spread, the federal government decided to slaughter about 19 million birds in the Valley. Officials said the majority of birds were likely to test negative for the virus and could be processed and sold for consumption.

The decision was made to release poultry products from the locked-down control zone. The industry and the government worked to develop a plan to move the uninfected product already held in freezers which was acceptable to international trade partners. Meat already in the freezers is from flocks that have not had any indication of avian influenza.

Product will be labeled as suitable for movement to retail outlets, restaurants, hotels and institutions within Canada. Fresh and frozen poultry meat will be allowed to be shipped, under permit, throughout Canada. B.C. poultry products will be kept separate from meat from the rest of the country. A Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) official said the decision was made after consulting with U.S. and European officials. British Columbian processors will be required to ensure that no BC poultry enters the export market.

Canadian Poultry Exports in kilograms January - March 2004

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Year to Date
Poultry				
Chicken	4,559,339	3,865,264	276,935	8,701,538
Mature Chicken	1,059,350	324,350	100,000	1,483,700
Turkey	1,375,659	551,881	299,250	2,226,790
Duck	69,207	61,537	2,805	133,549
Totals	7,063,555	4,803,032	678,990	12,545,577
Further Processed				
Chicken	574,520	663,180	155,520	1,393,220
Turkey	202	165	-	367
Duck	69	-	-	69
Totals	574,791	663,345	155,520	1,393,656

Canadian poultry producers plan to maintain a chicken supply by increasing domestic production in areas outside the Valley and by boosting imports.

About 800,000 breeders in BC will be slaughtered. Once the Valley is cleared to restock, breeder eggs will have to be imported from the U.S. For 2004, during the first quarter 60,576 chicks for broiler production moved from British Columbia to Alberta, compared to 99,694 during the same time period in 2003.

Broiler Eggs Set

	Year	British Columbia	Canada
Jan	2004	11,347	66,608
	2003	11,074	67,388
Feb	2004	10,596	62,188
	2003	10,230	60,017
Mar	2004	7,231	44,781
	2003	11,190	67,977
1st Quarter	2004	29,174	173,577
	2003	32,494	195,382

Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, Statistics Canada, various news wires

Update on Avian Influenza in Asia

Thailand

New outbreaks of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) were detected in layer hens in Chonburi and Khonkaen Provinces. A total of 11,326 layers were destroyed. The latest outbreak was detected April 7, 2004 due to intensive clinical surveillance. Outbreaks had previously been reported in these provinces.

For the reporting period March 19 to April 2 there were no new outbreaks and Thai officials were hopeful they could declare the country free of HPAI. An agriculture official said if there are no findings they could declare themselves free of avian influenza on April 27.

Thailand has been anxious to declare itself free of HPAI. In February, Thailand said it would declare itself free of HPAI in March, however new outbreaks pushed the target date to April 9. Poultry exports have suffered since HPAI was first diagnosed in Thailand earlier this year. The value of poultry exports fell over 55 percent for the period January-February 2003 when compared to the same period in 2003.

Indonesia

New outbreaks were reported in Central Java and Bali Provinces. The affected populations included layers, broilers, Arabian chickens, native chickens, ducks, small turtle-doves and quails. According to the Department of Agriculture, Jakarta, 800,000 birds had died.

Source: OIE, news wires

Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade**U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending April 03, 2004		Year-To-Date		
Type	2004	2003 /1	2004	2003
LIQUID	49	196	2,075	2,529
FROZEN	0	0	0	14
DRIED	0	0	154	135
TOTAL	49	196	2,229	2,678

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

Week Ending April 03, 2004		Year-To-Date		
Type	2004	2003 /1	2004	2003
LIQUID	39	74	1,149	1,579
FROZEN	127	89	334	1,169
DRIED	80	40	754	320
TOTAL	246	203	2,237	3,068

Inspected Shell Eggs**U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

Week Ending April 03, 2004		Year-To-Date		
Type	2004	2003 /1	2004	2003
JUMBO	0	0	50	76
EXTRA LARGE	1,530	780	4,230	1,770
LARGE	860	90	11,913	5,743
MEDIUM	2,010	2,970	11,880	15,222
UNGRADED	5,334	0	24,768	1,470
MISC	1,870	570	4,824	2,982
TOTAL	11,604	4,410	57,665	27,263

/1Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

Data Source: Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division.

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 03-Apr-04

(PRELIMINARY)

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
THOUSANDS			
HEAD	1,234	1,172	2,406
LAST WEEK	1,254	1,222	2,476
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,801	1,347	3,148
TO-DATE/2004	16,508	16,378	32,886
TO-DATE/2003	22,005	17,662	39,667

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
THOUSANDS			
HEAD	211	0	211
LAST WEEK	216	0	216
SAME WEEK YR AGO	331	0	331
TO-DATE/2004	3,000	40	3,040
TO-DATE/2003	4,053	49	4,102

Source: Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
THOUSANDS			
HEAD	1,445	1,172	2,617
LAST WEEK	1,470	1,222	2,692
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,132	1,347	3,479
TO-DATE/2004	19,508	16,418	35,926
TO-DATE/2003	26,058	17,711	43,769

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch

CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

Apr 9, 2004				
CHICKEN		PRICES	VOLUME	
		(Cents per Pound)		

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED

PRICES					VOLUME				
(Cents per Pound)									
FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT					
15% OR LESS									
RANGE	18.00	13.00-15.00	81,600	-					
WTD AVERAGE	18.00	14.00							
15-20%									
RANGE	13.75-17.00	11.00-15.00	1,926,800	846,400					
WTD AVERAGE	14.07	13.14							
20% OR MORE									
RANGE	-	-	-	-					
WTD AVERAGE									

* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

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PRICES					VOLUME				
(Cents per Pound)									
FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT					
15% OR LESS									
RANGE	13.50-16.25	-	1,180,000	780,000					
WTD AVERAGE	15.21								
15-20%									
RANGE	15.50-19.00	12.00-13.00	1,304,800	624,000					
WTD AVERAGE	17.13	12.59							
20% OR MORE									
RANGE	-	12.00-16.00	320,000	-					
WTD AVERAGE		15.00							

* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 9 APRIL 2004.

The undertone on fresh tom breast meat was mostly steady and destrapped tenderloins fully steady to firm. Demand light due to some processors being down today and others down next week Monday because of Easter. Offerings of fresh tom breast meat were uneven due to holiday processing schedules. Offerings of fresh destrapped tenderloins were tight with some sellers substituting breast meat for tenderloins. Breast trim offerings were short, balance of white meat light to instances adequate. Domestic trading light to fair, exports slow. For domestic: tails 33, Grade A non-basted 8-10 lb. breasts 98, fresh scapula 102-107 mostly 103-104, plant grade non-basted 12-14 lb. breasts 108, fresh breast trim 110, frozen yearling hen breast meat 142 cents delivered.

FRIDAY, APRIL 09, 2004**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	34.00		34.00	104	31.71	364
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS		F	35.00	40		
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/						
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		R	82.65	368	83.96	448

THURSDAY, APRIL 08, 2004**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	30.00-32.00		30.80	260
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		F	35.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/				
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	77.00-90.00		82.65	368

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 07, 2004**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		F	33.39	144
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		F	35.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/				
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		M	90.00	80

TUESDAY, APRIL 06, 2004**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		F	33.39	144
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		F	35.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/				
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		M	90.00	80

MONDAY, APRIL 05, 2004**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		F	33.39	144
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		F	35.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/				
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	90.00		90.00	80

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Product contains 15-20% fat with skin added.